

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing a user device with a set of access codes, the method comprising:

receiving from a user device a first message requesting a set of access codes, wherein the user device tracks its own access code usage and compares a number of unused access codes to a predetermined threshold level after each use;

said first message comprising an identification code associated with an encryption key stored in the user device, wherein the first message is sent via a communications network;

storing an encryption key corresponding to ~~the encryption key and~~ the identification code stored in the user device,

allocating the set of access codes on receipt of the identification code from the user device,

performing a look up function based on the identification code received in the message to retrieve the encryption key from storage,

encrypting the set of access codes using the retrieved encryption key to produce an encrypted set, and

sending a second message containing the encrypted set to the user device for storing; ~~and, upon a number of unused access codes for the user device reaching a predetermined threshold, sending a third message containing a new set of access codes to the user device via the network,~~

~~wherein the new set of access codes are encrypted with the encryption key associated with the identification code.~~

2.-41. (Canceled)

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

tracking the access codes used by the user device, and

sending the new set of access codes to the user device in response to the number of unused access codes reaching a predetermined threshold.

44. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[42]] 1 wherein the request is sent from the user device responsive to a manual input from the user.

45. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving from the user device a ~~fourth~~ third message comprising a public key of a public/private key pair generated at the user device;

generating a session key;

encrypting the set of access codes with the session key to produce a session key encrypted set;

encrypting the session key with the public key to produce an encrypted session key; and

sending a message containing the session key encrypted set and the encrypted session key to the user device via the network.